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Repair of Drain in 123 Lab for Operable Unit 2 Surface Water Study

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In June of this year an initial study to characterize the size fraction of plutonium and americium in the surface water seeps in the vicinity of the 903 Pad Area commenced. Part of this study was to include analysis of the filters used in filtering the water for chemical analysis. The 123 Laboratory has been waiting since the study began to run analysis on the filters due to a drain that needs repairs. Your staff has informed us that the study cannot be completed until the drain in the 123 Laboratory is repaired. Apparently, a work order has been submitted but the drain has not been repaired.

This study was to be used to support the OU2 Surface Water Interim Measure/ Interim Remedial Action Plan (IM/IRAP). We were hoping to incorporate information on the size fractions of plutonium and americium into the final IM/IRAP as well as into our bench scale treatability testing that is ready to commence. Lack of size characterization of plutonium and americium was one of the comments received in the public comment meeting October 23, 1990. EPA and CDH are particularly interested in the results of the study.

We feel that getting the drain in the 123 Lab repaired and analyzing the filters to be a priority. Therefore, please arrange to expedite the filter analysis. Please inform us within ten days receipt of this memorandum as to when analysis of the filters is expected to be completed.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact me or have your staff contact Scott Grace of my staff at 7199.

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